



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18 April 2019

## CIS Membership



Last month CIS (Council of International Schools) came to visit BIS as we applied for membership, which is our first step of the journey towards becoming internationally accredited. Dr. Zak is pleased to announce that BIS has been formally awarded membership.

As a member school, we will soon have access to other CIS services for schools such as CIS International Accreditation, CIS Global Citizenship Certification, and Educator Recruitment.

We are very proud of this accomplishment and thank the entire BIS community for continuing to strive for greatness.



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Please note that the school hours for all students (KG1 through Grade 12) during the Holy Month of Ramadan will begin at **9:30 am** and end at **1:30 pm**, and the school hours for staff will begin at **9:00 am** and end at **2:00 pm**, which begins on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## MAP Testing

MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. No advance studying is required for these assessments. We are doing the MAP testing which ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The results from these assessments allow us to better support each individual student by highlighting strengths and area for growth, and enables teachers to better tailor their teaching and learning program accordingly. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the night before and eats breakfast in the morning. Contact the Content Coordinators for more information, ([jamie.smith@bis.edu.kw](mailto:jamie.smith@bis.edu.kw); [roxanne.scanes@bis.edu.kw](mailto:roxanne.scanes@bis.edu.kw)).

## ES Good Citizen

Citizens of the Month are students who display good character for the entire month based on the Good Citizenship Program. Teachers nominate students who have been good citizens. They will have a lunch on Sunday, April 21. We are so proud of our Citizens of the Month!

## Student Voice Week

Student Voice Week is planned by students, for students from April 28 till May 2. Our seniors have worked on creating and approving four proposals ranging from a school suggestion box system to a student breakfast and nutrition assembly. They will continue their efforts working side-by-side with staff and students from all grade levels. Their work and dedication will be an inspiration to our future. Our week of activities will seek student and staff participation in creating the best educational environment possible for a growing and ever-improving BIS.

## Field Trip for Gr. 8

Students in Grade 8 had a fabulous time on Wednesday at Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice.



## BIS Upcoming Field Trips

- April 24:** Field Trip for Gr. 5 to Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Centre.
- April 25:** Field Trip for Gr. 2, 3 & 4 to Art Space.  
Field Trip for Gr. 10 to Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Centre.
- May 1:** Field Trip for Gr. 1 to Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Centre.

## Dates to Remember

- April 21-24:** ES & MS MAP Testing.
- April 22-25:** PTA voting period.  
HS Arabic Exams.
- April 25 & 28 & 29:** HS MAP Testing.
- April 28-May 2:** Student Voice Week.
- April 30 & May 1:** IEP Meetings, students in grades 5-12 released at 12:00 pm.  
KG2 MAP Testing.
- May 2:** Last day of After-School Club.
- May 5:** Ramadan hours begins.